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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jabali Rucker, DOB: 11/23/73, of Beloit, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Madison by District Judge John C. Shabaz to 105 months in prison, to be followed by a four-year term of supervised release, for possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute. Judge Shabaz stated that Rucker deserved a lengthy prison term since he was responsible for distributing nearly one-half kilogram of crack cocaine over a two-year period.

Rucker and his co-defendant, Concepcion Relerford, DOB: 12/31/72, of Beloit, and 21 other individuals were indicted on May 10, 2006, for their involvement in the distribution of narcotics in Rock County. Rucker pleaded guilty on June 22, 2006.

Relerford pleaded guilty on June 30, 2006 and will be sentenced on September 13, 2006.

The charges against Rucker were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Janesville Police Department, the Beloit Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations - Narcotics Bureau. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.